

REMARKS

Claims 19, 24-29, and 32-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-18, 20-23, 30-31, and 40-43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicants reserve the right to present any of these claims in a future application.

Reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, which follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. According to the office action, claim 26 recites "a hydrocarbon . . . C₁-C₄ alkylthio-C₁-C₄alkyl." Applicants traverse the rejection.

Amended claim 26 recites "C₁-C₄ alkyl" instead of "a hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms," rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, claims 19, 24-29, and 32-39 are considered allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

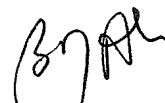
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